



U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Homeland Security has received your letter appealing the adverse determination of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement seeking detailed information on the number of Somalis that have been deported to Somalia since 2010, including the reason for deportation. Your appeal, dated June 11, 2013, was received on June 11, 2013.

On behalf of the Chief for the Government Information Law Division, we acknowledge your appeal request of **2013FOIA24262** and are assigning it number **OPLA13-853** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of FOIA/PA requests have been received by the Department. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.<sup>1</sup> While we will make every effort to process your appeal on a timely basis, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact ICE FOIA at (866) 633-1182, or by email at [ice-foia@dhs.gov](mailto:ice-foia@dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Gowing".

Grace Cheng  
Chief  
Government Information Law Division  
ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor  
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<sup>1</sup> Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.